

Organic Crop Production

Organic Certification Program



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- National Organic Program
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- Organic Livestock Production
- Organic Handling Facilities
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• Soil Fertility

Feed the soil. Healthy biologically-active soils support healthy productive crops.

➤ Practices

- Crop Rotation
- Green Manures
- Animal Manures
- Compost
- Natural Fertilizers (from approved list)

• Weed, Pest and Disease Management

Pests are managed, not eliminated. Pest management is accomplished by maintenance of biological diversity and attention to soil health and plant nutrition.

➤ Practices

- Crop Rotation
- Cover Crops/Intercropping
- Mulching
- Sanitation
- Tillage/Cultivation
- Bio-controls (natural and introduced)
- Natural Pesticides (from approved list)

• Marketing

Organic production is a distinct process, whose products are recognized as value-added in the marketplace.

➤ Practices

- Independent Third-Party Certification and Inspection
- Documented Procedures to Protect Product Integrity

Prohibited

Synthetic Fertilizers and Pesticides, Irradiation, Genetic Engineering, Sewage Sludge